

KNOX CO. SELLS 234 PCT. OF ITS WEEKLY QUOTA

Last Week A Banner Week In Thrift Stamp Sales Locally

RECORD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY IS EXCEEDED

Greer Postmaster Furnishes The Biggest Surprise; Stamp Notes

\$22,876!

Take your pencil and multiply these figures, the sales of war stamps in the county in the last week, by the 47 weeks remaining in the year, and some idea of the magnitude of the present war stamp campaign in Knox county will be grasped.

Over \$1,000,000 for 1918!

Of course the local committee is not at all sanguine that any such result can be accomplished. But, as a member put it Tuesday morning: "Given such a splendid savings plan as the government has put forward, and such deep-seated loyalty and patriotism as is evident in every corner of Knox county and nothing is impossible."

Impressive, too, as the figures of the week are in themselves, they are still more so in comparison. On Saturday Secretary Beam had occasion to call on State Director Wolfe in Columbus. The director was feeling fine, according to Mr. Beam, and at once told him that Franklin county had sold \$86,000 in stamps the past week. "If this is so," Mr. Beam promptly replied, "Franklin county has sold only about 85% of its weekly quota, while Knox county has sold 234%."

Practically every corner of the county contributed to last week's total. The Commercial & Savings bank of Buckeye City, which bids fair to establish a record unique among banks in towns of its size in the state, led all the banks of the city or county with the sale of over \$5,000, while the Knox Savings & Loan association, which, through the efforts of F. W. Kuhl, has just been made a direct agent by the United States government, had something over \$2,800.

Perhaps the greatest surprise of the week came from Adam Stitzlein, postmaster at Greer. Mr. Stitzlein led all the postoffices of the county with sales of \$3,763. Postmaster Smoots of Fredericktown came second, and Postmasters Duxton of Howard and Jackson of Gambier both indicated that they had not been idle. The Martinsburg postoffice got into the lime-light for the first time with sales of over \$1,400. For some reason unaccountable to the committee, the Mt. Vernon postoffice had relatively one of the poorest reports turned in.

The Johnston - Walker - McCrackin Co. led the sub-agencies recently established by the city committee with \$78, largely due to the efforts of Miss Arnold.

Tuesday morning after the Knox county report had been received in Columbus, State Director Wolfe telegraphed the local committee as follows:

"War Savings Stamps are the world's greatest investment. The splendid sales in Knox county show the great leadership of the city, rural and district chairmen and postmasters, the patriotic and investing intelligence of your citizens and the magnificent support of your local press. Please extend my heartiest personal congratulations to all."

(Signed) H. P. WOLFE,

"State Director," "Ohio War Savings Committee," Secretary Beam at once took steps to communicate the message throughout the county.

ACKERMAN EXPECTED TO MANAGE LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE LOCALLY

It is expected that William A. Ackerman, chairman of the highly successful Second Liberty Loan campaign in Knox county, will be continued for the third drive, the date of which has not been definitely fixed.

ELKS RECEIVE SIX APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TUES.

Six applications for membership were received by Mt. Vernon lodge of Elks Tuesday evening. District Deputy Charles W. Fairbanks of Marion was unable to be present for the inspection. Officers were nominated for the ensuing year.

SOCIETY NOTES

Senior Informal At Kenyon

The senior informal was held Tuesday evening in Rosse hall by the Kenyon college seniors with about 30 couples dancing. Bricker's orchestra of Mt. Vernon furnished music.

Kenyon Senior Prom Tonight

The senior prom. is to be held in Rosse hall Wednesday evening by the Kenyon college senior class. Parker's orchestra of Columbus will furnish music. A number of Mt. Vernon people are expected to attend.

Mrs. Coleman Honored

Honoring Mrs. Jennie Coleman, who is soon to leave for New York city, Mrs. J. C. Hoffman entertained with a dinner at her home in Ohio avenue Tuesday. A number of Mrs. Coleman's friends were present.

L. C. B. A. Entertains With Dance

The L. C. B. A. entertained Monday evening in the K. of C. hall with a dance and card party at which there were about 75 couples. The music was furnished by Italk's orchestra and refreshments were served.

Mrs. May Entertains Twentieth Century Club

Mrs. J. C. May entertained the Twentieth Century club at her home in North Mulberry street Monday afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James Reddix, 301 West Cooper street.

Bob-Sled Party

Master Philip Lee entertained Tuesday afternoon with a bobbed party to the home of Mrs. Judson Ball in Green Valley, honoring his little guest, Miss Eleanor Virginia Noble of Bloomington, Ill. Sixteen were present on the party. Mrs. Ball entertained the party at her home with a supper.

Class Entertained By Miss Cluxton

The Perseverance Circle of the M. P. Sunday school was entertained Monday evening at the home of Miss Mae Cluxton in South Gay street. Twelve members and a number of visitors were present. Following the business session a social hour was observed. A Valentine box contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

Bob-Sled Ride

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vincent entertained two bobbed loads from Danville at their home Thursday evening, Jan. 31. Refreshments were served and the evening was spent in music and games.

Those present were: The Misses Verna Purdy, Esther Logsdon, Ina Hagens, Marie Stull, Leota Sapp, Helen Welker, Mary Stillinger, Elizabeth Smeeth, Burnadette Lower, Angella Smithbliser and Letta McKee, Messrs. Gaillard Parrish, Donald Church, Joseph Smithbliser, Carl Wimmer and Harry McKee, and Mrs. W. W. Logsdon, Margaret and Robert Logsdon, Mrs. Herbert Baker and son, Joseph.

Social At M. E. Church

About seventy people enjoyed a social at the M. E. church Tuesday evening at which members of the official board and their wives were present. A picnic supper was enjoyed at 6:30 o'clock, after which a short business session of the board was held. Following this, encouraging reports were made by the chairman of the building fund committee, A. A. Dowds, and Judge P. L. Wilkins.

After a report by F. G. Hadley, a member of the committee on evangelism, it was agreed to cooperate with the plans of the Ministerial association in the observance of the Goto Church Sunday, which is to be the first Sunday in March. Special services will also be held for two weeks following in which Rev. H. H. Miller and his wife will assist the Rev. Foster C. Anderson, pastor. After this decision was reached, short talks were given by C. S. Michaels, S. G. Doyles, Judge P. B. Blair, W. F. Rimer and R. L. Jones.

BIRTHS

A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Crowner, who live near Jewellway.

Mrs. Fred H. Cole went to Howard Wednesday to visit friends for a few days.

Mrs. Fred Cole went to Mt. Liberty Wednesday to spend the day with relatives.

Mrs. Lucy Higgins returned to Centerville Wednesday after spending a few days with Mrs. H. S. Ailbaugh, West Burgess street.

COMMISSIONERS DELAY LEVY FOR COUNTY AGENCY

Fail To Act On Petition Of Farm Bureau At Meeting

REQUEST CARRIED 329 MEMBERS' SIGNATURES

Farmers Are Optimistic Over Ultimate Decision Of Board

Although the county commissioners did not act upon the request of a committee of members of the recently organized farm bureau of the county, which presented a petition asking for an appropriation of \$1,500 for the purpose of hiring a county agent, at the meeting Monday, the committee was highly optimistic of the outcome of their appeal.

The matter was laid before the commissioners by L. G. Simpson, president of the farm bureau, J. M. Walker, John Cunningham, H. L. Andrews, O. E. Anderson, J. E. Litzenberg and L. G. Mayer. The committee also presented a petition signed by 329 members of the bureau, with the statement that there are 31 more names to be added to it, asking for the appropriation.

It is not thought that the commissioners will fail to take the favorable view of the request after they have satisfied themselves of the advisability of the plan. One member of the committee said Monday that while he believed all of the commissioners to be in favor of the farm bureau work he held the opinion that they delayed action Monday merely to make sure of its merits before authorizing the expenditure of the people's money.

At the meeting Monday it was figured out that the total cost of a county agent in this county would be about three cents per \$1,000 of property on the tax duplicate, which shows the ridiculously small cost to the individual.

The commissioners will probably act upon the petition at the meeting next Monday.

QUESTION OF SUGAR AGAIN SERIOUS HERE

Wholesale Houses' Reports Not Encouraging For Relief

The sugar situation in Mt. Vernon has again become acute. One of the wholesale grocery houses here has sugar in prospect from several different companies, while the other has none on the books. One local grocer sent to Columbus several days ago and secured a small amount, but this was soon disposed of.

PAUL LORD RESUMES DUTIES IN THE Y. P. B.

Organization Talks Of A Benefit Play In The Near Future

The Y. P. B. met Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Dorothy Murry with about fifteen members present. The former president, Paul Lord, who has been away from here for several months, resumed the duties of his office in the society. A feature of the meeting was a talk given by Mrs. R. M. Sandy on the duties of a member of the Y. P. B.

At the meeting, plans were discussed for producing a play for the benefit of the society.

Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Murry next Tuesday evening.

ONE ALIEN ENEMY REGISTERS; BOOKS CLOSE ON FEB. 9

Chief of Police Parker had one registrant Monday in connection with the registration of German alien enemies in the city. The registration closes on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8 p. m.

Benton Miller of E Battery, Camp Sheridan, Ala., is home for a week on furlough.

BLUEBIRDS HERE? SILCOTT SAYS TRUE HARBINGER ARRIVED

In a tree near the Congregational church Tuesday morning, sat a bluebird, according to William A. Silcott who claims to have seen the first specimen of this harbinger of spring.

LAST OF BOOZE SENT BACK TO BREWERIES FOLLOWING BAIR'S ORDER

The last of the beer which Mayor Bair seized several days ago was returned to the sources from which it came Tuesday afternoon. Part of it was returned as soon as it was seized.

FOOD HOARDERS TO BE PUNISHED IF CAUGHT HERE

Local Committee Will Follow Up Complaints Of Hoarding

BOASTING ALLEGED TO HAVE FURNISHED 'TIPS'

Large Families May Have Sugar Rations Increased

The Knox county food committee, at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters Tuesday evening, decided to investigate complaints made by Mt. Vernon residents relative to the hoarding of food by other residents here, knowledge of which was obtained, it is said, by boasts of the accused that they had two barrels of flour or so many pounds of sugar, as well as other essentials which are now scarce and which the United States food administration is warning people to use as sparingly as possible.

A seemingly unfair way of distributing the small quantities of sugar which Mt. Vernon secures was discussed and upon the suggestion of Mayor Bair it was ruled that the heads of large families should be permitted to purchase five pounds of sugar at a time thus equalizing the ratio of one pound to a family, which now includes families consisting of three or four members.

JOE HOOKER W. R. C. ACCOMPLISHES MUCH DESPITE HANDICAPS

Members Make Fine Showing In Red Cross And Other War Activities

Although the assignment of a definite day for it to work at Red Cross headquarters was made late, Joe Hooker Post, No. 16, Woman's Relief Corps, has made an exceedingly satisfactory showing as is evidenced in the recent annual report.

Fourteen sweaters, four scarfs, two pairs of bed-slippers, four pairs of wristlets have been completed by the corps and \$5.50 in cash donated. A Christmas box, containing a complete knitted outfit, valued at \$15, and also candy and fruit was sent to a Knox county soldier at Camp Sherman on Christmas.

The corps now has the fourth Tuesday of each month for work at the Red Cross headquarters and is devoting itself especially to looking for sickness among the soldiers' families. The annual report, prepared by Mrs. Carrie Tilton, records the death of two members—Mrs. Marie Hogue and Mrs. W. S. McGinley—during the past year. Death visited the home of Past President Lizzie White on Sept. 20, taking her only child, the late Mrs. Zenna Taylor. Since that time, the corps has been without Mrs. White and has worked under this handicap.

GLOVER FREED; WIFE FAILED TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

Frank Glover, charged by his wife with carrying concealed weapons, was discharged on account of the lack of evidence offered by his wife at the hearing Tuesday afternoon before Mayor Bair. Mrs. Glover charged that her husband threatened to kill her on Jan. 26. B. E. Sapp defended Glover and Mrs. Glover was represented by William M. Koons.

COUNCIL TABLES REVENUE BILLS UNTIL MONDAY

Ordinances To License Theatres, Taxis And Billiards To Be Voted On

MEN AFFECTED GIVEN CHANCE TO FILE 'KICK'

Solicitor Seeks Aid To Prosecute Cases Now Pending In Courts

When the city council meets next Monday night it is likely that a number of ordinances similar to ones on the books several years ago and later repealed will be again enacted for the purpose of raising revenue. These ordinances provide for the licensing of pool rooms, bowling alleys, taxi-cabs and motion picture shows. All were presented to the council Monday night and given three readings under suspension of the rules and were then tabled until the next meeting when they will come up for final passage.

In addition to the above ordinances it is said that there is another in preparation that will be presented at the next meeting which provides for the licensing of peddlers, hucksters and hawkers. It was intimated at the meeting Monday that this last ordinance may also provide for the licensing of commercial travelers.

The ordinance introduced providing for the licensing of pool rooms and bowling alleys provides for a yearly tax of \$3 the table or alley, and a fine of from \$5 to \$10 for the first violation and from \$25 to \$50 for the second and each subsequent offense.

Taxicab owners will be required to pay a license of \$5 for the first machine and \$2 for each additional machine in use, while transient operators of automobiles for hire will be charged a fee of \$2.50 a week for each machine. Fines are provided for violations of the ordinance.

MAYER OBJECTS

The licensing fee for the motion picture theatres is set at \$25 annually in the ordinance. Councilman Mayer raised an objection to this Monday night, declaring that he favored fixing the fee in proportion to the number of seats in the theatre. Mr. Mayer is of the opinion that this would operate more equitably for the proprietor of the small house.

All three ordinances were tabled for one week to give the men affected by them in case they are passed an opportunity to present their views to the council at the meeting next Monday night before the final vote is taken in the matter.

An ordinance was presented to prevent the tearing up of any street by any man or corporation without first having filed with the city a bond to guarantee that the street shall be repaired and placed in proper condition. This ordinance was unquestionably intended to secure the city against the possibility of the purchasers of the local street car line from removing the rails from the streets without replacing the pavement. The ordinance had its first reading.

TELEPHONE RATES DISCUSSED

If the city is to continue its efforts in opposition to the increase in rates put into effect by the Mt. Vernon Telephone Co., it must bring an action before the public utilities commission in Columbus to require the company to show justification for the increase, according to the report of City Solicitor Harris. The city solicitor's report was supplemented by Councilman Mayer, who reported that he had obtained information from local officials of the company showing that the increase in expenses approximates \$5,000 the year. Mr. Mayer also said that the increase put into effect by the company will make a gross return of approximately \$10,000 more annually than it has been receiving. He said that in his opinion this was "not right" and declared himself in favor of taking the matter before the public utilities commission for decision. Mr. Hookway spoke in favor of "seeing the thing through," but no further action has been taken by the council.

STOP TRASH BURNING

Councilman Hookway entered a protest against the practice of permitting the burning of trash and rubbish in the streets, which he said is contrary to a city ordinance as well as to all notions of civic pride. In response, Mayor Bair informed him that he would be glad to instruct the police department to arrest all violators of city ordinances, provided the mayor's office was given something by which the nature of the city ordinances might be determined.

Treasurer Rawlinson reported that

only one bid had been received by him for providing a depository for the city's money. This was submitted by the New Knox National bank, which offered 2.10% interest, a reduction of .40% over its bid of that year. Council voted favorably upon accepting the bid.

MAYOR REPORTS

Mayor Bair reported the receipt of \$459 in fines; \$142 fines in state cases and \$6 in fees turned over to the sheriff, making a total of \$558 received.

Chief of Police Parker made the following report: Arrests for intoxication (1), assault (1), violating an officer's permit to a minor to play pool (1), gambling (2), and permitting gambling (1), making a total of 18 arrests. Fifty-three calls were answered by the police.

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Many other matters of a routine nature were taken up by the council.

Among them was the complaint of Frank Wadell that he is being taxed for the improvement of West Vine street although his lot does not abut on the improved street. City Engineer Anderson said that Wadell's claim as to the location of his property is correct, but made no recommendation in the matter.

MERCURY TRIED TO HIDE IN BULB OF U. S. THERMOMETER

Mt. Vernon passed through another of the coldest days of the winter Tuesday when the temperature was reported as 24° below zero in some localities while others reported 12° below at the same time.

The temperatures over the county that were lowest are as follows: Brandon 23° below, Gambier 18° (official reading), Bladensburg 20° below, and 20° below at North Liberty.

BAIR FAVORS A COASTING HILL

Executive Sympathizes With Lads On Sleds

STOPS FUN ON STREET Would Like To Set Off Safe Hill For Coasters At Certain Times

The boys are again coasting on the streets at the intersection of other streets, despite Juvenile Officer Purcell's warning when the ice and snow first appeared, and it was necessary Tuesday afternoon to send a patrolman to the scene, North Mulberry street, to stop the boys from engaging in the sport at a place where their limbs, or even their lives, were endangered.

Mayor Bair was advised of the coasting and after sending the patrolman said he was heartily in favor

of setting aside some place where there is a grade where the boys may slide or coast without danger to themselves. At present there is no such place, but he said that if the coaters would have someone stand at the crossings where it did not concern principal streets and warn the boys when there was a vehicle approaching the danger of being hurt would thus be removed, to a large extent at least.

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SHORT LOCALS

Mrs. Frank Haymes returned to her home on West Vine street Tuesday after spending several days in Columbus with friends.

Miss Ann Weikant, who has been the guest of Miss Esther Penney, 1241 Ohio avenue, for the last few days, returned to Millersburg Wednesday.

Mrs. L. G. Phillips returned Wednesday to her home in Cincinnati after visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Phillips at the Ohio State Sanatorium.

W. H. Wilkinson went to Zanesville Wednesday on business and with him returned Sherman F. Condon, Jr., who has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson.

Miss Dorothy Wineland has returned to O. S. U., Columbus, after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Wineland of East Hanstrum street.

Earl Myers of E Battery, stationed at Camp Sheridan, Ala., arrived here Wednesday to spend a few days with his mother.

Mrs. S. D. Morningstar, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John McMillan, Center street, returned to her home in Howard Wednesday.

Mrs. E. B. McFeeley and children, Dorothy Bell and Betty Lenore, have returned to their home in Columbus after a short visit with relatives here.

The time of the funeral of the late John Paez has been set for 9:30 o'clock Friday morning at the McCormick chapel. Friends are invited.

Miss Anabel Reeman spent Wednesday in Gambier with friends.

Ira J. Hawkins of Utica is spending a few days in this city with friends.

Mrs. W. A. Palmer went to Columbus Wednesday to visit friends for a week.

Hoy O. Simons spent Tuesday in Columbus on business.

W. P. Sent of Buckeye City was a business visitor here Monday.

A. E. Rawlinson, Jr., was in Columbus on business Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Wythe is spending the week in Cleveland.

The Misses Dora and Nellie McCloy went to Cleveland Tuesday to spend the week.

Edward Conkling underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday at the Mt. Vernon hospital.

Miss Margaret Reynolds of Columbus spent Sunday and Monday here with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Thomas of Columbus is spending a few days in this city with Mrs. J. C. May of North Mulberry street.

Ralph Clugh, who has been spending the week with his parents here, returned to O. S. U., Columbus, Tuesday to resume his studies.

Corporal John Brining, of E Battery, 134th U. S. F. A., Montgomery, Ala., who has been here for a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brining, returned to camp Tuesday.

Frank Claypool returned to his studies at O. S. U., Columbus, Tuesday after spending the mid-year vacation with his parents here.

Thomas and Harry Martin, both of E Battery, Montgomery, Ala., are home from Camp Sheridan, having been called to Bladensburg by the serious illness of their father, Free Martin.

Win the War By Preparing the Land Sowing the Seed and Producing Bigger Crops

Work in Joint Effort the Soil of the U. S. and Canada—Co-Operative Farming in Man Power Necessary to Win the Battle for Liberty

The Food Controllers of United States and Canada are asking for greater food production. Scarcely 100,000,000 bushels of wheat can be sent to the allies overseas before the crop harvest. Upon the efforts of the United States and Canada rest the burden of supply.

Every Available Tillable Acre must Contribute; Every Available Farmer and Farm Hand must Assist.

Western Canada has an enormous acreage to be seeded but man power is short, and an appeal to the United States allies is for more men for seeding operations.

Canada's Wheat Production last year was 225,000,000 bushels; the demand from Canada alone, for 1918, is 400,000,000 bushels.

To secure this she must have assistance. She has the land but needs the men. The Government of the United States wants every man who can effectively help to do farm work this year. It wants the land in the United States developed first of course; but it also wants to help Canada. Whenever we find a man we can spare to Canada's fields after ours are supplied, we want to direct him there. Apply to our Employment Service, and we will tell where you can best serve the combined interests.

Western Canada's help will be required not later than April 5th. Wages to competent help, \$50 a month and up, board and lodging. Those who respond to this appeal will get a warm welcome, good wages, good board, and find comfortable homes. They will get a rate of one cent a mile from Canadian boundary points to destination and return. For particulars as to routes and places where employment may be had, apply to

U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, Dept. of Labor